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Mr. James Bierer, Chairman
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board
407 Marcia Avenue
Hamilton OH 45013Re: **FCAB PRIORITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2002**

Dear Jim:

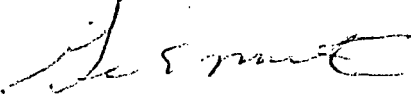
Ohio EPA appreciates the good work of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) over the past eight years in developing policy and recommending solutions to the site's most fundamental cleanup issues. Through your efforts the cleanup at Fernald is better in many ways.

In the coming year, we recommend you continue your focus in two primary areas: 1) implementation of the Silos Project; 2) further develop the concept of long-term stewardship at Fernald.

More specifically, the FCAB should work with DOE, Fluor Fernald, and other interested parties on planning the design of a multi-use educational facility that will serve the post closure needs of the surrounding community. Since selecting a long-term steward is fundamental to any post closure stewardship planning effort, the FCAB should participate in discussions with potential long-term stewards of the Fernald property. The FCAB would further benefit the stewardship effort through review and comment of the draft Long-term Stewardship Plan.

Ohio EPA appreciates the opportunity to make these recommendations. We are available to assist the FCAB in any of these matters and look forward to working with the you in 2002.

Sincerely,

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